(a) whether it is a fact that the number of new cancer patients have increased to 85000 annually;

(b) if so, whether Government has analyzed the reasons for such hazardous situation;

(c) whether Government has conducted any survey to find out the reasons for increasing number of cancer patients in India;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the fiscal allocation to combat increasing number of cancer cases for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) According to the Indian Council of Medical Research, based on Population Cancer Registries, the number of new cancer cases occurring every year in India is estimated to be about 9 lakhs.

(b) to (d) No survey has been conducted by this Ministry regarding cancer cases in the country. However, the absolute number of cancer cases is increasing due to several factors *e.g.* unhealthy lifestyle, use of tobacco, increasing aging population, environmental pollution etc.

(e) The allocation for the National Cancer Control Programme during the last three years is as under:

Year	Allocation
2006-07	73.30 cr.
2007-08	110.00 cr.
2008-09	105.00 cr.

Financial aid to Pasteur Institute of India

878. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved an outlay of Rs.60 crores in September, 2007 for Pasteur Institute of India (PII), Coonoor during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period (2007-2012);

(b) whether Rs.10 crores had already been released for the year 2007-08 out of the approved amount; and

(c) if so, the details of outlay utilized during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The final outlay approved for Pasteur Institute of India, Coonoor for the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-2012) is Rs.280.00 crores.

(b) and (c) An amount of Rs. 10.00 crores was released as grant-in-aid to Pasteur Institute of India, Coonoor during 2007-08 which has been utilized by the Institute for meeting Plan expenditure.